

for the number of women and minorities accessed into and retained in the Coast Guard.

Demonstrating exemplary stewardship, RADM Hewitt implemented rigorous internal controls over financial reporting, enabling the Service to accurately value and track over \$7 billion in pay and medical accounts. In response to the 2010 Haiti Earthquake and Deepwater Horizon Oil spill disasters, he guided the strategic resourcing of Coast Guard personnel, including Reserve forces, for these herculean first responder events, expertly balancing immediate needs with long-term work-force sustainment. His unwavering advocacy and commitment to Coast Guard personnel and their families was evidenced through expanded child care services and subsidies, initiatives improving government owned housing, and enhancements to work-life programs. These accomplishments are remarkably significant and representative of RADM Hewitt's distinguished 34-year career in the service of his country.

A native of Sandy, Oregon, in my Congressional district, RADM Hewitt is a 1978 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. In 1982, he earned a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University. In 2000, he received a Master's Certificate in Information Technology Project Management from George Washington University and is a certified Project Management Professional.

RADM Hewitt and his wife Ann married in 1979, and they currently reside in Arlington, Virginia with their son Michael, a high school sophomore who was born during their assignment in Boston. Their daughter Laura, a recent college graduate, was born while they were stationed in Virginia during an earlier tour of duty. RADM Hewitt's parents are Wallace and Irene Hewitt of Sandy, Oregon.

RADM Hewitt's other Flag Officer assignments include Commander, Coast Guard Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic in Portsmouth, Virginia, and Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Technology in Washington, DC, where he was detailed to the Department of Homeland Security as their acting Chief Information Officer. Earlier assignments included serving as Project Manager for the "Rescue 21" and the Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement systems; serving as Commanding Officer, Electronics Support Unit Boston; serving as Executive Officer, Communications Area Master Station Pacific; serving as Project Engineer at the Omega Navigation Systems Center and at the Electronics Engineering Center in Wildwood, New Jersey, and in his first assignment out of the Coast Guard Academy, serving as Operations Officer on the USCGC *Bittersweet*.

Rear Admiral Hewitt's personal military decorations include multiple awards of the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Coast Guard Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.

HONORING ANTHONY SILVEIRA

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mann County dairy rancher Anthony (Tony) Silveira who passed away March 9, 2012, at the age of 90. Mr. Silveira spent most of his life working on the family ranches and was known for his proud defense of the family's property rights as the County became increasingly urbanized.

Mr. Silveira's father, like many of Mann County's early dairy ranchers, emigrated from the Azores. He founded the ranching business in 1900, and in 1920 helped found Mann-Dell Dairy (sold in 1954).

Born in 1921 on the Miller Ranch (now Marinwood), Tony Silveira was committed to the family business; after his father died when he was only 15, he and his siblings helped his mother Mary run two ranches. With Marinwood ranch and the Burdell Ranch north of Novato along Highway 101, drivers could enjoy the sight of some of the family's 1500 cows grazing on prime Mann County grasslands.

After graduating from local schools, Mr. Silveira attended UC Davis before returning to Mann ranching. The "Home" ranch in Marinwood, where his father had acquired land around St. Vincent's School for Boys, is centrally located and soon became the focus for possible housing growth. Others argued that the land should be preserved as buffer zone, with minimum development. Mr. Silveira fought passionately for the right not to have the property down-zoned, speaking out often at meetings and in press.

Mr. Silveira was involved in agricultural organizations such as the Mann County Farm Bureau and the Western United Dairyman as well as the University of California Alumni Association, Native Sons of the Golden West, and the IDESST Portuguese Hall in Sausalito.

He is survived by Lorraine, his wife of 65 years; daughter, Renee; siblings George and Jean; and three grandchildren. His son, Ronald Anthony Silveira, predeceased him in 2000.

Mr. Speaker, Anthony Silveira's proud ranching background is an important part of the fabric of Mann County history and his battles for property rights reflect the pressures and conflicts that are an ongoing dialogue of life in the County. I am honored to salute his long life and career.

TO HONOR THE LEADERSHIP OF
JOEL JACOB AS CHAIRMAN OF
THE BOARD OF MAZON: A JEW-
ISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, Mr. Joel E. Jacob, as he steps down as Chairman of the Board of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger and for his lifetime of advocacy in the realm of hunger and food insecurity.

For years, Joel has been a champion for those facing the challenges of food insecurity. His advocacy to eradicate hunger has earned him international accolades and allowed him to develop close relationships with leaders across the globe. As the Chairman and Founder of The Bottle Crew, a business based in West Bloomfield, Michigan, Joel has instilled the importance of community service at his office because it is a value central to his life.

As a teenager bussing tables at weddings and Bar Mitzvahs, Joel grew frustrated as he saw the amount of food going to waste after the meals were served. These images of lost food helped motivate Joel to be an activist for the hungry. Now, as the official shofar blower for Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, Michigan, Joel blasts the clarion call for justice. Joel has made the fight against hunger central to his pursuit of justice in the world.

Joel was first elected to the MAZON Board of Directors in 2003 and was elected Chair of the Board of Directors in 2009. He has served on MAZON's Finance Committee, Strategic Planning Committee and Executive Committee and also served as Co-Chair of the Development and Communications Committee. During his time on the Board, Joel has traveled to several continents to help the malnourished and raise awareness for food insecurity. For nearly three decades, MAZON has been a leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing and alleviating hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds. MAZON, which means "food" or "sustenance" in Hebrew, was the first national organization to rally the American Jewish community around the issue of hunger. MAZON provides for people who are hungry and advocates for ways to alleviate hunger. Thanks to the efforts of Joel, the concept in the Passover Hag-gadah of "Letting All Who Are Hungry, Come and Eat" is now a core theme at synagogues and Jewish organizations across the nation. Joel has successfully brought this message far beyond the Jewish community and has developed relationships worldwide to pool resources to feed those most in need including shaping legislation in the Israeli Knesset and the United States Congress.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Joel's years of service on behalf of countless people around the world facing challenges such as food insecurity and hunger. His leadership as Chairman of the Board at MAZON has profoundly improved the lives of countless people in need around the world and was deeply felt by those who have benefitted from his commitment, passion and advocacy. As a personal friend of Joel, I know that this will in no way affect his dedication to the issue of hunger and that he will continue to be a champion for fighting hunger and repairing the world.

CONGRATULATING THE LEADER
ON 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

HON. TIM GRIFFIN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Leader newspaper on its twenty-five years of excellence.

In 1987, Garrick Feldman and his wife, Eileen, published the first edition of *The Leader*, a community-oriented weekly newspaper that strove to serve all of its readers "without fear or favor."

Today, the Feldmans, with the help of their dedicated staff, bring Arkansans in Pulaski, Lonoke, White, and Prairie counties the important news that affects their lives.

The *Leader's* coverage of our local schools' academic and athletic accomplishments serves as a reminder of the talent throughout the community and the promise of the future.

Over the past quarter-century, *The Leader* has experienced tremendous growth, earning the title, "the best large weekly in Arkansas" for the past four years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating *The Leader* on their accomplishments during their twenty-five years in business and in wishing them continued success.

Mr. Speaker, *The Leader* recently published an article highlighting this milestone, and I submit it in the RECORD.

[From the *Leader*, Mar. 17., 2012]
 NEWSPAPER CELEBRATES 25 YEARS
 (By Eileen Feldman)

In the first issue of *The Leader* on March 4, 1987, publisher Garrick Feldman said, "The North Pulaski *Leader* intends to be a mirror to the community—to report all that is newsworthy in Jacksonville, Sherwood, the air base and surrounding areas . . . We want to chronicle the events, both small and large, that are taking place here . . . The newspaper also promises to serve its advertisers well."

He continued, "This newspaper will be about you and your neighbors, so let us hear from you if you have news to share with others."

Twenty-five years later, *The Leader* is keeping its promise of delivering community news for an affordable subscription price and delivering consistent results for advertisers through a combination of mail (with its free edition, *The Extra*) and home delivery to subscribers in an expanded local area which now includes Pulaski County from Sherwood and Gravel Ridge to Jacksonville to Little Rock Air Force Base. The *Leader* is also serving all of Cabot and most of Lonoke County including Lonoke, Austin, Ward and Carlisle and the surrounding rural confines. In White County, *The Leader* serves Beebe, McRae, El Paso, Garner and Butlerville and to a lesser extent Searcy including many White County rural routes. The *Leader's* reach also extends into Prairie County giving our advertisers an even bigger bonus for their buck.

By all accounts, *The Leader* has grown by leaps and bounds and we want to thank you, dear readers and also our advertisers for your steadfast loyalty to *The Leader* and to the American dream.

Some of our advertisers have been with us since the beginning, and to you we extend our gratitude and our wishes for your continued success in business. May we continue to grow together.

What publisher Feldman said then still holds true today, "Share with us our joys and sorrows—your proud moments and your sad ones. The news that ordinary people make is just as important to us as what their leaders do on city councils and school boards."

And it still holds true today that "if you have an engagement or wedding announcement, send us the announcement and also a photo. If there is a birth in your family, send us a picture also."

Of course, times have changed in 25 years so we now accept all this by e-mail at leadernewsarkansasleader.com or at editor@arkansasleader.com. But we still do some things the old-fashioned way—mailed submissions are still accepted and cards of thanks and obituaries are still free.

We love to cover our local schools and encourage teachers to let us know of their students' accomplishments and awards as well as their own.

We still consider covering significant birthdays, centenarians in particular, and submitted photos are always welcome. Letters to the editor are always welcome. We want to hear the voice of the community.

We also pride ourselves on our local sports coverage including football, basketball, baseball, volleyball and soccer and also local news which impacts sports. Coaches comments and local submissions of news tips and photos help to give flavor to those pages.

As we said back in 1987, "This newspaper will try to serve all of its readers without fear or favor. The *Leader* intends to open its pages to everyone."

We also want to extend a big thank you to the many on our staff including our son Jonathan, who joined our staff as an editor and who will help us continue to produce a strong family-owned and community-oriented newspaper.

We wish to thank our veteran reporters, Rick Kron, Joan McCoy and John Hofheimer, who rejoined the staff after a brief hiatus and a visit to Greece. All journalism award winners, they've helped make *The Leader* what it is today.

Also Christy Hendricks, our creative designer, as well as Jeffrey Smith, who has come a long way since his first days at *The Leader* and who's made many friends with his Cabot and Beebe coverage. Sarah Campbell, an ASU-Jonesboro grad, has local roots in the area, which have helped her ferret out some outstanding local stories.

Sports editor Ray Benton's attention to local sports is outstanding and caters to our greater local area with the help of veteran sportswriter Jason King.

We also wish to thank our advertising staff led by General Manager John Henderson and our Publications Manager Matt Robinson. Also invaluable members of the sales staff are Linda Hostetler and Susan Swift. You've stuck with us through thick and thin, through the idiosyncracies of the economy, its ups and downs.

We couldn't have done it without you. You've all helped us get to where we are today.

There are many other staff members—designers, artists and photographers—who should be singled out for their loyalty and outstanding work ethic. And there are many more starting at the front office and on to the pressroom and mailroom, where the final product is prepared which arrives at your front door or in your mailbox. (We'll introduce them all to you in a later edition.)

Readers, advertisers and staff, you have helped *The Leader* become what it is today. Continue to grow and thrive with us.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT L. TURNER

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and achievements of State

Representative Robert L. Turner. Representative Turner was first elected in 1990 and has served in the Wisconsin State Assembly for eleven consecutive terms. While representing the eastern half of the City of Racine, he has utilized his booming voice to become an advocate for issues such as criminal justice, urban affairs, racial equality, and veterans affairs.

Public service has always been a cornerstone of Representative Turner's life. After graduating high school in Mississippi and moving to Wisconsin, he was soon drafted into the United States Air Force. He bravely answered his country's call and completed tours of duty in both Vietnam, where he received a Medal of Commendation for meritorious service, and Korea during the *Pueblo* incident. Representative Turner turned his experience in the armed forces into a lifelong promise to support and encourage local veterans groups. During his first term in the Assembly, Representative Turner earned a perfect rating on veterans issues and was named to the All Star Team by the State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). Additionally, his legislative work earned him the Vietnam Veterans of America Distinguished Achievement Award in 1992 and he received life membership from the Vietnam Veterans of America in 1999.

Representative Turner has served on numerous committees during his time in the Wisconsin State Assembly, lending his expertise to everything from the Highways and Transportation Committee to the Judiciary Committee. His overwhelmingly friendly demeanor gives Representative Turner a unique ability to build close working relationships that extend far beyond party affiliations. While representing an area hit especially hard by the recent economic downturn, Representative Turner has consistently supported new economic development projects, increases in unemployment benefits, and affordable, quality health care for his constituency.

In addition to his tenure in the Assembly, Representative Turner also served on the Racine City Council for 28 years from 1976 to 2004. As both a State Representative and an Alder, he developed close relationships with many local organizations such as the NAACP, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Urban League of Racine and Kenosha, and the Racine Raider Football team.

I had the honor of serving with Representative Turner in the Assembly for three terms and I am proud to continue to call him a close friend today. His service to his constituents and the City of Racine has always been a source of inspiration for me. To understand who Representative Turner truly is, one only needs to know that he considers one of his biggest accomplishments being able to serve, listen to, and assist his constituents for so long. Without fail, every time I see Bob, the only thing bigger than the smile on his face is the warm embrace I receive from him.

It is nearly impossible to mention everything Representative Turner has accomplished; it is even harder to overstate the positive impact he has had on our community. It is without a doubt that his work has bettered the lives of the people of Racine, Wisconsin, and our great nation. Today, I rise to honor and thank State Representative Robert L. Turner for his more than two decades of leadership in the Wisconsin State Assembly. May Bob's unwavering dedication, vision, and never-ending smile serve as an inspiration for all of us.